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CLASSIFICATION -CONFIDENTIAL COUNTRY SUBJECT 20 SEPTEMBER 1963 DATE DISTR. THAT NHU IS RUNNING THE GOVERNMENT PRECEDENCE ROUTINE DATE OF REFERENCES ^{1N} 23169

INFO. DATE ACO. VIETNAM, SAIGON

THIS IS UNEVALUATED INFORMATION. SOURCE CRADINGS ARE DEFINITIVE. APPRAISAL OF CONTENT IS TENTATIVE.

SEPTEMBER 1963 THAT NGO DINH NHU WAS RUNNING THE GOVERNMENT AND THAT PRESIDENT DIEM WAS UNAWARE OF AFFAIRS OF STATE. CLAIMED THAT THERE WAS A SPLIT BETWEEN DIEM AND NHU AND THAT DIEM NO LONGER TRUSTED NHU, ADDING THAT THE FAMILY WAS "FINISHED."

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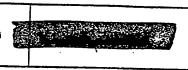
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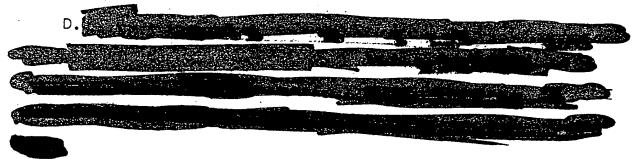


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MADE THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS SEPTEMBER:

A. NHU IS IN CHARGE. OFFICIAL REPORTS ARE SENT DIRECTLY TO NHU, WHO DOES NOT PASS THEM ON TO DIEM; THEREFORE, DIEM WERE AWARE OF CURRENT MATTERS.

- B. DIEM NO LONGER TRUSTS NHU, NHU TRICKED DIEM INTO AUTHORIZING THE 20-21 AUGUST PAGODA RAIDS BY SHOWING HIM A SECRET REPORT PURPORTING TO DISCLOSE A NATIONWIDE BUDDHIST PLAN FOR A COUP D'ETAT. CLAIMED THAT THIS DOCUMENT WAS A FORGERY AND THAT THE ARMS "DISCOVERED" IN THE PAGODAS HAD BEEN PLANTED.
- C. A REAL CLEAVAGE EXISTS BETWEEN PRESIDENT DIEM AND NGO DINH NHU.



- E. THE FAMILY IS "FINISHED".
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